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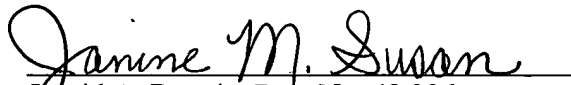
- ☒ Response to Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (5 pages); and
- ☒ Return Postcard.

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Respectfully submitted,

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**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT**

This paper is in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed March 11, 2004, which is due on or before April 11, 2004.

Applicants resubmit the entire "Amendment to the claims" section of the Amendment and Response filed December 19, 2003 as required by the Examiner under 37 CFR 1.21(h).

Please amend the application as follows.